

13.22.018 – Removal, relocation, or modifications of utility facilities

- A. Notice. Within ninety (90) days following written notice from the City, a utility shall, at its own expense, protect, support, temporarily or permanently disconnect, remove, relocate, change or alter the position of any utility facilities within the rights-of-way whenever the corporate authorities have determined that such removal, relocation, change or alteration, is reasonably necessary for the construction, repair, maintenance, or installation of any City improvement in or upon, or the operations of the City in or upon, the rights-of-way.
- B. Removal of Unauthorized Facilities. Within thirty (30) days following written notice from the City, any utility that owns, controls, or maintains any unauthorized facility or related appurtenances within the rights-of-way shall, at its own expense, remove all or any part of such facilities or appurtenances from the rights-of-way. A facility is unauthorized and subject to removal in the following circumstances:
 - 1. Upon expiration or termination of the permittee's franchise, license or other agreement, unless otherwise permitted by applicable law;
 - 2. If the facility was constructed or installed without the prior grant of a license, franchise or other agreement, if required;
 - 3. If the facility was constructed or installed without prior issuance of a permit in violation of this Chapter; or
 - 4. If the facility was constructed or installed at a location not permitted by the permittee's franchise, license or other agreement.
- C. Emergency Removal or Relocation of Facilities. The City retains the right and privilege to cut or move any facilities located within the rights-of-way of the City, as the City may determine to be necessary, appropriate or useful in response to any public health or safety emergency. If circumstances permit, the municipality shall attempt to notify the utility, if known, prior to cutting or removing a facility and shall notify the utility, if known, after cutting or removing a facility.
- D. Abandonment of Facilities. Upon abandonment of a facility within the rights-of-way of the City, the utility shall notify the City within ninety (90) days. Following receipt of such notice the City may direct the utility to remove all or any portion of the facility if the Director of Public Works determines that such removal will be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare. In the event that the City does not direct the utility that abandoned the facility to remove it, by giving notice of abandonment to the City, the abandoning utility shall be deemed to consent to the alteration or removal of all or any portion of the facility by another utility or person.